IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-15 to read as follows. A marked-up copy showing the changes is attached.

1. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) including a partly or completely circumambient frame (2), which element (1) is manufactured through molding of a polymeric material, wherein the element (1) includes a carrying structure, constituted by the frame (2), and an intermediate wall section (3), which wall section (3) is connected to the frame (2) via a resilient section (4), the resilient section (4) being a part of the wall section (3), wherein differences in the temperature related shrinkage between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) is absorbed by the resilient section (4) whereby warping of the element (1) is avoided.

2. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1, wherein the frame (2) is formed by a U-shaped profile.

3. (Twice Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1, wherein the wall section (3) is connected to the frame (2) in the vicinity of the gravity center line (5) of the frame (2).

4. (Twice Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according claim 1, wherein the frame (2) is a closed hollow profile formed through injection of a pressurised fluid into a still molten thermoplastic material, that the material thickness of the wall section (3) is thinner closest to the connection between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) than the average thickness of the wall section (3) and the frame (2), whereby a barrier is formed in this connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents the pressurised fluid from entering the wall section (3) during the manufacturing process.

5. (Twice Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1, wherein the material thickness of the wall section (3) is thinner closest to the connection between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) than the average thickness of the wall section (3) and the frame (2), whereby a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section (3).

6. (Twice Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1,wherein the element (1) forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

7. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 2, wherein the wall section (3) is connected to the frame (2) in the vicinity of the gravity center line (5) of the frame (2).

8. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 2, wherein the frame (2) is a closed hollow profile formed through injection of a pressurized fluid into a still molten thermoplastic material, that the material thickness of the wall section (3) is thinner closest to the connection between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) than the average thickness of the wall section (3) and the frame (2), whereby a barrier is formed in this connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents the pressurized fluid from entering the wall section (3) during the manufacturing process.

9. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 3, wherein the frame (2) is a closed hollow profile formed through injection of a pressurized fluid into a still molten thermoplastic material, that the material thickness of the wall section (3) is thinner closest to the connection between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) than the average thickness of the wall section (3) and the frame (2), whereby a barrier is formed in this connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents the pressurized fluid from entering the wall section (3) during the manufacturing process.

10. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 2, wherein the material thickness of the wall section (3) is thinner closest to the connection between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) than the average thickness of the wall section (3) and the frame (2), whereby a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section (3).

11. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 3, wherein the material thickness of the wall section (3) is thinner closest to the connection between the frame (2) and the wall section (3) than the average thickness of the wall section (3) and the frame (2), whereby a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section (3).-

12. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 2, wherein the element (1) forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

13. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 3, wherein the element (1) forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

14. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 4, wherin the element (1) forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

15. (Amended) Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 5, wherein the element (1) forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

Please add the following new claims:

--16 Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the molding is injection molding.

17. Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a plurality of ribs, the plurality of ribs spaced at a distance from each other smaller than the height of the height of each of the plurality of ribs.

18. Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a closed hollow profile.

19. Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 1, wherein the wall section (3) is connected to the frame (2), such that any disparate shrinking is absorbed by the resilient section (4) without any relative movement between the wall section (3) and the frame (2).--

20. Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 3, wherein the wall section (3) is connected to the frame at the gravity center line (5) of the frame (2).

21. Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 7, wherein the wall section (3) is connected to the frame (2) at the gravity center line (5) of the frame (2).--